Wooster, November 20, 1941

Dear Cousin Eleanor:

What a happy time I have had looking at the photographs which you sent in your letter of the sixteenth ! It was the bright spot in the Thanksgiving season for me, for my sister and her children and my brother are all in Illinois.

I have marked the pictures as I know them. I have never seen any of them except the larger one of my Aunt Martha (Martha Russell Bruce) and I think also the larger one of my Aunt Jennie (Jennie Bruce Knox). The others if you will look on the back are all taken by the same photographer and have the same U.S.Revenue stamp on them, which makes me sure that they are the pictures which were taken at the time Mama's Uncle (her mother's brother but which one I do not know-) visited here in Ohio after Mama's mother's death, that same year, 1865. I have often heard Mama and my Aunt Maggie talk of that visit, and they told me that their Uncle was so grieved that they did not have a picture of his sister and that he insisted that they all have photographs taken that he might take back to Pennsylvania with him. I do not remember now what Mama said about whether there was more than one of each photograph or not but anyway I have never seen these photographs that have the revenue stamp on them, and I am sure they must be the ones taken in 1864. The one picture of my grandfather Bruce which they have was taken at the same time, Mama said, and is the same photographer's name and the same revenue stamp on it. I would presume that the children of the other two Russell sisters here in Ohio had photographs taken also at that time, and perhaps Aunt Jeanie Bruce and Aunt Christina Liddell, that is my mother's aunts, for we have pictures of both of them. However I cannot positively identify these other pictures taken in 1864. The one may be, as you suggest, Jean Tinker's Aunt Martha Bruce, The other one I rather think is Christina Liddell, who died when she was just a young woman. I thought we had one like it but I am not able to find it in once looking. It seems to me that I have seen that picture before,) although I said about that I had never seen any of these pictures that have the revenue stamp on the back of them).

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